

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE  
BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS (BWCAW)  
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and any other lands administered by the Superior National Forest in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook Counties, Minnesota, that are affected by the Act of October 21, 1978, Public Law 95-495, 92 Stat. 1649:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire including charcoal fires during ice-free season, except inside the constructed steel grates located at Forest Service improved campsites or at other locations designated on the Visitor Permit, or when using pressurized liquid or gas stoves. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Using a saddle, pack, or draft animal except sled dogs on Forest Development trails and portages, except Trout Lake portage. 36 CFR 261.55(c).
3. Entering or being in the BWCAW without a valid BWCAW Visitor Permit. 36 CFR 261.57(a).

BWCAW Visitor Permits are required year-round for anyone entering the BWCAW for a day or overnight visit. BWCAW Visitor Permits must be filled out before entering any part of the BWCAW. Between the dates of May 1 and September 30, self-issued (non-quota) Visitor Permits are valid only for non-motorized day trips, except Day Use Motor for entry through Entry Point #12 Little Vermilion Lake and beyond. Between the dates of October 1 and April 30, self-issued (non-quota) Visitor Permits are valid for all entries and overnight use. Between the dates of May 1 and September 30, only Visitor Permits (quota permits) issued by the Forest Service or a Forest Service authorized cooperator shall be used for any overnight stay or any motorized travel where authorized.

4. Entering in the BWCAW on a date or at an entry point other than specified on the Visitor Permit. 36 CFR 261.57(a).
5. Possessing any cans or glass bottles except containers of fuel, insect repellent, or medicines. 36 CFR 261.57 (a).
6. Using any type of wheeled conveyance except where authorized. 36 CFR 261.57(h).
7. Possessing or using a watercraft on pontoons, with or without a motor, except for those owned and operated by Disabled Veterans Recreation, Inc., on the waters of Fall Lake, located in Lake and St. Louis Counties. 36 CFR 261.57(h).
8. Camping for more than 14 consecutive days at any one campsite during the snow-free season or in one location during the ice and snow season. The term "location" means the site and the lands within ½ mile radius. 36 CFR 261.58(a).
9. Camping during the ice-free season in places other than Forest Service improved campsites having steel fire grates and wilderness latrines; except at other locations

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designated on the visitor permit or at least 150 feet from hiking trails, lakes, streams, or other campsites on designated hiking trails. 36 CFR 261.58 (e).

10. Camping at more than one developed site by a group traveling under a single overnight Visitor's Permit. 36 CFR 261.58(e).

11. Using a trail, campsite, portage, or other land area of the BWCAW by more than 9 persons at any one time or traveling as a group by more than 9 persons in any area of the BWCAW or traveling in a party on the waters of the BWCAW with more than four (4) canoes or other watercraft used or possessed by that party. 36 CFR 261.58(f).

12. Being on a developed site after sundown or before sunrise without an overnight Visitor's Permit. 36 CFR 261.58(l).

13. Storing or leaving a watercraft, boat, raft, or canoe, except for those items used in conjunction with a current visit. 36 CFR 261.58(p).

14. Possessing or transporting any mechanical device(s) capable of propelling a watercraft, including sailboat, through water by any means. 36 CFR 261.58(w).

15. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies, or leaving a temporary camp or associated equipment overnight or unattended for more than 24 hours within the BWCAW without a permit, except for those items used in conjunction with a current visit. 36 CFR 261.57(f).

16. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste or burning it in a fire. 36 CFR 261.57(g).

MOTORBOAT USE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE  
BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS (BWCAW) AND OTHER AFFECTED LANDS  
OF THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.58(n), the possession, operation and use of motorboats within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is prohibited, except as follows:

1. Motorboats without any restriction on motor size or number of motors are permitted to operate on the lakes and rivers listed on Exhibit 1.
2. Motorboats with a motor or combination of motors totaling no greater than 25 horsepower are permitted to operate on the lakes listed on Exhibit 2. The possession of one (1) additional motor no greater than 10 horsepower is permitted: provided that the motors operation at one time do not exceed 25 horsepower.
3. Motorboats with a motor or combination of motors totaling no greater than 10 horsepower are permitted to operate on the lakes and rivers listed on Exhibit 3. The possession of one (1) additional motor no greater than 6 horsepower is permitted; provided that the motors in operations at one time do not exceed 10 horsepower.
4. Motorboats with motors in excess of 25 horsepower are permitted to travel on a part of Saganaga Lake described as the Saganaga Corridor from Saganaga Narrows north to the Canadian border east of Campers, Clark, and Horseshoe Islands, and west of Oskenonton

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Island, as shown on Exhibit 4; provided that the motor(s) in operation at one time do not exceed 25 horsepower.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.58(n), the operation and use of motorboats within other National Forest System lands affected by Public Law 95-495, 92 Stat. 1649, is prohibited, except as follows:

5. Motorboats with a motor or combination of motors totaling no greater than 10 horsepower are permitted to operate on the North Fowl Lake and South Fowl Lake, Cook County, Minnesota.

Motorboat uses permitted in this order are for limited periods of time, as provided in Section 4 of Public Law 95-495, 92 Stat. 1649.

A map of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is attached as Exhibit 4.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOUND AT 36 CFR PART 261, SUBPART A. THESE PROHIBITIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL TERMINATED OR RESCINDED BY THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER R909-04-03 SIGNED ON APRIL 19, 2004.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Dated this 1 day of *April*, 2019, Duluth, Minnesota.



CONSTANCE CUMMINS  
Forest Supervisor  
Superior National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.]

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EXHIBIT 1

Lakes without motor or horsepower restrictions within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

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| 1. Lac La Croix that portion south of | St. Louis County |
| Snow Bay east of Wilkins Bay          | St. Louis County |
| 2. Little Vermilion Lake              | St. Louis County |
| 3. Loon Lake                          | St. Louis County |
| 4. Loon River                         | St. Louis County |
| 5. Sandpoint Lake                     | St. Louis County |

EXHIBIT 2

Lakes where motorboats may operate with a motor or combination of motors no greater than 25 horsepower and possess one (1) additional motor no greater than 10 horsepower.

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| 1. Trout Lake                      | St. Louis County |
| 2. Basswood Lake, south of         | Lake County      |
| Washington Island and northern     |                  |
| most point of Jackfish Bay narrows |                  |
| 3. Fall Lake*                      | Lake County      |
| 4. Moose Lake*                     | Lake County      |
| 5. Newfound Lake                   | Lake County      |
| 6. Newton Lake                     | Lake County      |
| 7. Snowbank Lake*                  | Lake County      |
| 8. South Farm Lake                 | Lake County      |
| 9. Sucker Lake                     | Lake County      |
| 10. East Bearskin Lake*            | Cook County      |

EXHIBIT 3

Lakes and rivers where motorboats may operate with a motor or combination of motors no greater than 10 horsepower and possess one (1) additional motor no greater than 6 horsepower.

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| 1. Island River east of Lake         | Lake County |
| Isabella*                            |             |
| 2. Clearwater Lake*                  | Cook County |
| 3. Sea Gull Lake, that portion       | Cook County |
| generally east of Three Mile Island* |             |

\*Applies to that portion of the lake within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.



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Including the

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

